

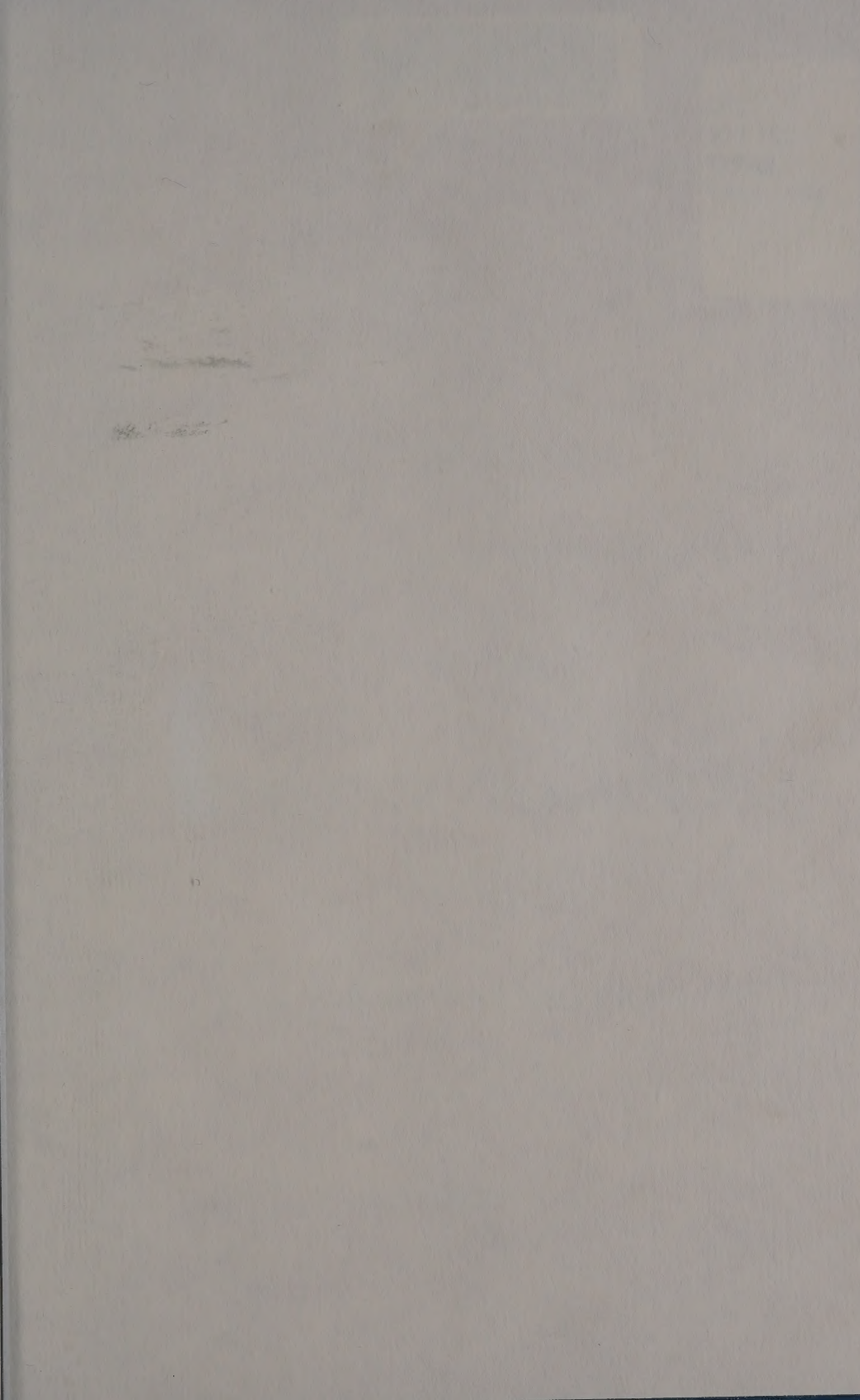
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**ANNUAL
REPORT**

**OF THE
MUNICIPAL OFFICERS
OF THE
TOWN OF THORNDIKE
MAINE
FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 1955**

Hutchins Brothers, Thorndike, Maine

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Please bring this report with you town-meeting day.

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TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator—Beverly Parkhurst

Town Clerk—Wilma Johnson

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor

Nora Wortman Frederic A. Ward Maurice Higgins

Tax Collector—Janetta Higgins

Excise Tax Collector—Janetta Higgins

Treasurer—Grace Libby

School Committee

Mary Wren—Wilma Johnson—Frederic A. Ward

Superintendent of Schools—Vance McNaughton

Constable—Neil Higgins

Health Officer—Dr. Arthur Jewell

Cemetery Committee

Arthur Leonard—Maurice Higgins—W. S. Libby

Fire Warden—Leo Fortier

ASSESSOR'S REPORT

Valuation and Assessment

1955

	Real Estate	Personal Prop.	Total
Resident	\$144,600.00	\$54,685.00	\$199,285.00
Non-Resident	22,385.00	25,125.00	47,410.00
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	\$166,985.00	\$79,710.00	\$246,695.00

Tax Rate \$88.00 per \$1,000 106 Polls @ \$3.00

Town Tax	\$19,993.75
State Tax	3,625.00
County Tax	1,480.00
Overlay	553.41
Supplemental Tax	24.00

\$25,676.16

Less State Tax, set aside by Legisla-
ture for municipal use 3,625.00

Commitment

\$22,051.16

Tax Rate .88 x Valuation \$246,695.00	\$21,709.16
106 Polls @ \$3.00	318.00
Supplemental Tax	24.00
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	\$22,051.16

Schedule of Personal Property

Livestock and Domestic Fowl	No.	Av. Val.	Tot. Val.
Horses	34	\$39.26	\$ 1,335.00
Steers, Bulls & Beef Cattle	20	40.25	805.00
Milk Cows, including heifers that have freshened	436	50.36	21,945.00
Heifers, over 2 years, not yet freshened	36	39.03	1,405.00

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Heifers, 18 mo. to 2 years	80	35.00	2,815.00
Sheep, over 35 in number	3	15.00	45.00
Domestic fowl, over 50 in number	200	1.00	200.00
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			\$28,550.00

All Other Personal Property

	Number	Value
Stock in Trade	8	\$21,850.00
Boats	3	230.00
Gasoline pumps & attachments	8	615.00
Musical Instruments	18	450.00
Radios & Televisions	144	5,155.00
Trailer	1	275.00
Tractors	3	600.00
Machinery & Equipment	5	3,800.00
Other Property	1	18,185.00
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		\$51,160.00

Total Amount of Livestock and Domestic Fowl \$28,550.00

Total Amount of Other Personal Property 51,160.00

Total Amount of All Personal Property \$79,710.00

EXEMPTIONS

Livestock and Domestic Fowl	\$6,696.00
Value of Property not assessed and not included in valuation (Veterans, Old Age, etc.)	4,915.00
Number of Polls, not taxed, 22	
Value of Town Owned Real Estate	4,480.00
Value of Other Town Owned Property	11,160.00

Appropriations 1955

Town Roads and Bridges	\$ 1,000.00
Plowing & Sanding	1,000.00
Farm to Market Road	400.00
State Aid Road Construction	1,066.00
Elementary & Secondary Schools	8,600.00
School House Repair	200.00

Thorndike Donation	30.00
Street Lights	210.00
School Building Fund	1,000.00
Aid to Dependent Children	450.00
Support of Poor	2,637.75
Health Nurse	50.00
Fire Department	700.00
Fire Pond	200.00
Cemeteries	200.00
Town Charges	1,000.00
Town Officers	1,200.00
Public Dump	50.00

\$19,993.75

County Tax	1,480.00
Overlay	553.41
Supplemental	24.00

\$22,051.16

From Excise Tax:

To Snow Removal	\$500.00
To Town Charges	501.90
To Sargent Road	200.00
To Fowler Road	100.00
To Larrabee Road	100.00

\$1,401.90

Committed to Janetta Higgins, Collector, on May 30, 1955

NORA WORTMAN

F. A. WARD

MAURICE HIGGINS

Assessors of Thorndike

(Notes)

Torndike's valuation, placed by State	\$500,000.00
Thorndike's valuation, made by assessors 1955	
	\$246,695.00

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Comparative Tax Rates 1951 to 1955

1951	109 mills
1952	88 mills
1953	72 mills
1954	92 mills
1955	88 mills

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Town Officers' Salaries—

Available by Appropriation	\$1,200.00
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—Expenditures:—

Nora Wortman	\$400.00
F. A. Ward	100.00
Maurice Higgins	100.00
Wilma Johnson, Town Clerk	50.00
Grace Libby, Treasurer	85.00
Janetta Higgins, Tax Collector	375.00
Mary Wren, School Board	15.00
Wilma Johnson, School Board	15.00
F. A. Ward, School Board	15.00
Neil Higgins, Constable	15.00

\$1,170.00

Unexpended	30.00
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\$1,200.00

Town Charges—

Available by Appropriation	\$1,000.00
From Excise	501.90
Interest & Cost, Tax Liens	141.48
Interest, Series G. Bond	50.00
State Treasurer, Bank Stock Tax	178.22
State Treasurer, R. R. & Tel. Tax	280.59
State Treasurer, Cutting Bushes, R. R.	7.75

\$2,159.94

—Expenditures:—

L. Everett Outhouse, Auditor	\$150.00
W. T. Vickery, Bonds	20.00

W. T. Vickery, Insurance	59.25
Maine Municipal Association	35.00
Register of Deeds, List of Transfers	3.00
Farwell Bros., Interest on Loans	146.00
Farwell Bros., Food for Wayfarer	.50
Farwell Bros., Repairs, tractor house	15.90
Claire Elkins, Labor on tractor house	18.00
Thorndike General Store, Stovepipe t. h.	2.30
Torndike General Store, bolts, plow	.75
Flewelling's Garage, labor & parts for Highway Equipment	560.94
Portland Tractor Co., parts, tractor	128.73
Files & O'Keefe, cutting edges	33.50
T. W. Dick Co., iron	2.30
Fox & Ginn, freight	4.60
Northeastern Petroleum Co., tractor oil	102.50
Marks Printing House, supplies	45.19
Loring, Short & Harmon, supplies	21.81
Hutchins Bros., town reports	143.35
Hutchins Bros., supplies	8.45
Harold Parkhurst, Notary service	20.00
Federal Trust Co., check book	4.69
Federal Trust Co., box rent	3.30
Federal Trust Co., service charge	8.96
Dept. Health & Welfare, water test	3.90
Maine State Library, Revised Statutes	30.50
Townsend & Glass, quit-claim deeds*	16.00
Townsend & Glass, legal council	15.00
Treasurer of State, dog tax deficiency 1954	22.40
Dr. F. E. Hanscom, polio clinic	20.00
LaVerdiere's Ddug, clinic supplies	5.84
Beverly Parkhurst, Moderator	10.00
Roland Overlock, cleaning hall	2.00
Nora Wortman, expense, Assessors meeting	6.24
Nora Wortman, out of town mileage	9.20
Nora Wortman, postage & telephone	24.54
Grace Libby, porcupine bounty	110.00

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Grace Libby, discharging liens	3.00
Grace Libby, postage & telephone	10.11
Janetta Higgins, postage	4.05
Janetta Higgins, making & recording liens	105.20
Wilma Johnson, expense at Conference	8.75
Alta Ware, cutting bushes	8.00
Marshall Cole, cutting bushes, R. R.	4.50
George Cole	4.50
Lawrence Cole	4.50
Gill's hired man	2.00
Nora Wortman, Election Official	6.00
F. A. Ward, Election Official	6.00
Maurice Higgins, Election Official	6.00
Wilma Johnson, Election Official	6.00
Perley Grass, Election Clerk	6.00
Janetta Higgins, Election Clerk	6.00
W. S. Libby, Election Clerk	6.00
George Bragdon, Election Clerk	6.00

\$2,018.25

Unexpended

141.69

\$2,159.94

Protection

Flre Department—

Available by appropriation	\$700.00
Rec'd. from Knox, Hawkins fire	15.00
Rec'd. from Knox, Bailey & Furrow fires	31.00
Trorndike Vol. Fire Dept.	135.00

\$881.00

—Expenditures:—

Central Maine Power Co., Lights,

Fire House	\$ 24.48
Roger Wingate, gas, fire truck	2.00
Roger Wingate, labor	8.00
W. T. Vickery, Insurance	197.21
J. & C. Oil Co., fuel, fire house	119.44

Blanchard Associates, parts & supplies	163.73	
Flewelling's Garage, gas & repairs	287.20	
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	\$802.06	
Unexpended	78.94	
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	\$881.00	
Fire Department, Tank Truck Account—		
Balance Carried Feb.. 14, 1955		\$253.67
Rec'd. from Fire Dept.		10.00
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		\$263.67
—Expended:—		
T. W. Dick, building tank on truck	\$372.64	
Overdraft		\$108.97
Fire Pond—		
Available by Appropriation		\$200.00
—Expended:—		
J. Edgerly, bulldozing	\$140.00	
Unexpended	60.00	
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	\$200.00	
Street Lights—		
Available by Appropriation		\$210.00
—Expended:—		
Central Maine Power Co.	\$210.00	
Civil Defense—		
Balance Feb. 14, 1955		\$222.26
Unexpended	\$222.26	
HEALTH AND SANITATION		
Public Health Nurse—		
Available by Appropriation		\$50.00
Expended	\$50.00	
Town Dump—		
Available by Appropriation		\$50.00
Expended	\$50.00	

HIGHWAYS

State Aid Construction—

Available by Appropriation, 1955	\$1,066.00
Apportioned by State, 1955	2,132.00
Balance of Appropriation, 1954	533.00
Apportioned by State, 1954	1,066.00
Unexpended Balance, 1953	86.67

\$4,883.67

—Expenditures:—

Bancroft & Martin Rolling Mills Co.,

culverts	\$648.29
Emery Amsden, foreman	238.28
George Gordon, labor	167.00
Richard Peabody, labor	34.50
Mellie Peabody, labor	20.00
Tim Murray, truck	47.90
Tim Murray, driver	2.50
Robert Elwell, truck	409.62
Joe Danforth, driver	4.00
C. Daigle, driver	4.00
Earle Ludwig, bulldozer & shovel	2,391.80
Loren Hale, labor	53.00
Norman Wingate, labor	7.00
Denby Larrabee, dozer & truck	189.10
William Erskine, truck	83.69
Clifton Grant, driver	50.40
Frank Lee, truck	57.94
William Parsons, driver	25.75
Perley Grass, trucking culvert	3.00
Farwell Bros., material for replacing	
Peabody fence	32.00
Jerry Sullivan, posts for fence	10.61
Robert Wren, labor & expense,	
replacing Wren fence	92.37

\$4,857.85

Unexpended Balance 25.82

\$4,883.67

Town Road Improvement—

Available by State Apportionment	\$2,638.15
Balance, 1954	4.66

 \$2,642.81

—Expenditures:—

Bancroft & Martin Rolling Mills Co.,	
culverts	\$229.44
Emery Amsden, foreman	178.10
George Gordon, labor	47.00
Marshall Cole, truck	118.20
George Cole, labor	10.00
Lewis Cole, truck	118.62
Roland Reid, two trucks	225.87
Lloyd Myrick, truck	120.25
M. H. Glidden, dozer	945.00
Thomas Bagley, driver	141.00
Robert Elwell, truck	141.37
C. C. Church, shovel & operator	168.72
Treas. of State, shovel	131.40
Unity Hardware, tile	8.40

 \$2,583.37

Unexpended 59.44

 \$2,642.81

Snow Removal—

Available by Appropriation	\$1,000.00
From Excise	500.00
Treas. of State	2,064.40
Refund on Salt, Town of Knox	235.50

 \$3,799.90

—Expenditures:—

W. H. Shurtleff Co., salt	\$ 594.90
Neil Higgins, plowing & sanding	1,563.60
Carl Davis, tractor driver	62.00
Ernest Tweedie, wingman	13.30
Ernest Tweedie, sanding	5.70

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Edmund Hamlin, wingman	26.99
Lewis Higgins, wingman	38.95
Alvah Gordon, wingman	4.75
Clarence Porter, sanding	5.70
Donald Marcia, sanding & hauling salt	21.50
Buddy Ward, sanding	5.85
State Highway Commission	27.14
Sonny Bragdon, driver & helper	103.60
Jerry Sullivan, taking down & erecting snow fence	14.45
Don Clark, taking down snow fence	11.95
Don Clark, putting up snow fence	49.00
Buddy Ward, putting up snow fence	33.00
James Paul, putting up snow fence	24.00
Robert Winship, sand, stock pile	19.00
Arthur Johnson, sand, stock pile	7.50
Arthur Johnson, tractor, stock pile	117.70
Neil Higgins, truck, labor, stock pile	43.00
Allen Oakes, labor, stock pile	34.00
George Cole, labor, stock pile	6.00
Buddy Ward, labor, stock pile	10.00
Roland Reid, truck, stock pile	52.00
Marshall Cole, truck, stock pile	65.80
Lewis Cole, truck, stock pile	56.80
Marshall Cole, truck, sanding	252.00
George Cole, sanding	73.00
Raymond Bailey, sanding	4.00
Roger Wingate, sanding	47.00
James Paul, sanding	4.00
Erving Curtis, sanding	21.00
William Oakes, sanding	15.00
Pat Murphy, sanding	3.00
Maurice Higgins, sanding	9.00

 \$3,446.18

Unexpended

353.72

 \$3,799.90

Town Roads and Bridges—

Available by Appropriation

\$1,000.00

—Expenditures:—

C. N. Chalmers, bridge plank	\$ 66.15*
C. V. Larrabee, tractor & labor	39.00
Donald Marcia, truck	22.00
Donald Marcia, tractor	6.00
Neil Higgins, labor	7.22
Neil Higgins, truck	28.80
E. F. Ahrens, tractor & labor	22.96
Arthur Johnson, tractor	121.40
Arthur Johnson, gravel	.80
Arthur Johnson, bridge repair	3.90
Gerard Ward, gravel, T. R. I.	84.70
Marshall Cole, gravel, T. R. I.	122.40
Roland Reid, truck	5.00
Arthur Knowles, labor	13.66
Lewis Higgins, tractor	35.00
Harold Raven, tractor	11.25
Marshall Cole, truck	202.15
George Cole, labor	21.77
Alton Cooper, labor	7.60
Alton Cooper, plank	14.58
Charles Berry, labor	15.20
Bancroft & Martin, culvert band	3.96
Farwell Bros., bridge material	2.10
Lewis Cole, truck	100.90
Stephen Fowler, culvert repair	13.00

 \$971.50

Unexpended

28.50

 \$1,000.00

Farm to Market Roads—

Available by Appropriation

\$400.00

—Expenditures:—

Roland Reid, truck	\$109.90
Vernard Ward, labor	2.85

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Neil Higgins, truck & labor	21.83
Lewis Higgins, tractor & labor	43.80
Arthur Leonard, gravel	1.20
Harold Raven, tractor	16.25
Fred Ahrens, tractor & labor	37.33
Arthur Knowles, labor	7.60
Marshall Cole, labor	39.60
Lewis Cole, truck	13.00
Arthur Johnson, tractor	13.60
George Cole, labor	4.00
Robert Elwell, gravel	2.10
Gerald Fowler, gravel	4.20

 \$317.26

Unexpended

82.74

 \$400.00

Sargent Road—

Available

\$200.00

Expended

\$200.00

Fowler Road—

Available

\$100.00

Expended

\$100.00

Larrabee Road—

Available

\$100.00

Unexpended

\$100.00

Tar Account—

Balance, 1955

\$500.00

Unexpended

\$500.00

SUPPORT OF POOR

Available by Appropriation

\$2,637.75

Rec'd. from Town of Manchester

1,865.81

 \$4,503.56

Due from Town of Manchester

87.06

 \$4,590.62

Thomas Morton:

Isaac Reynolds, potatoes	\$ 22.74
J. & C. Oil Company, fuel	275.03
A. O. Stein, M. D., services	66.00
Samson Fisher, M. D., services	30.00
City Drug Store, medical supplies	222.60
Dr. F. E. Hanscom, services	12.00
Dr. Jay K. Osler, services	15.00
N. E. Cobb, M. D., services	27.00
Thorndike General Store, food	752.09
Farwell Bros., clothing	41.82
Waldo County General Hospital, care	5.00

\$1,469.28

Harold Gordon:

Town of Freeport	\$23.88
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Scott Ward:

Thorndike General Store, food	\$35.51
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William Raven, Jr.*:

Thorndike General Store, food	\$88.22*
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Mellie Peabody:

Thorndike General Store, food	\$597.94*
Isaac Reynolds, potatoes	1.25
Dr. F. E. Hanscom, services	7.00
Robbie's Bargain Mart, clothing	15.07
Farwell Bros., clothing	4.50*
Waterville Osteopathic Hospital, care	98.36

\$724.12

Gideon DeWitt:

Thorndike General Store, food	\$249.30
Neil Higgins, wood	17.00
George's, clothing	22.77
Reed's Drug Store, medicine	2.20
Dr. A. G. Jewell, services	7.00
Gerald Fowler, sawing wood	58.00
Eslie Wortman, sawing wood	3.00

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Fred Benjamin, sawing wood	2.00
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	\$361.27
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Pheby Gardner:

Marshall Cole, wood	\$ 10.45
A. L. Walker, wood	6.00
Maurice Higgins, wood	17.00
Neil Higgins, wood	9.00
Don Clark, splitting wood	3.00
Ansel Carson, splitting wood	1.50
Gideon DeWitt, splitting wood	16.00
Dr. F. E. Hanscom, care	11.00
A. R. Pilley, medicine	.98
Central Maine Sanitorium, care	20.57
Thorndike General Store, food	287.55

	\$383.05
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Case No. 1:

E. C. Brazier, funeral expense	\$200.00*
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Case No. 2:

Jennie Lovejoy, board	\$312.50
A. R. Pilley, medicine	15.60
Dr. A. G. Jewell, services	8.00

	\$336.10
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Total Expended	\$3,621.43
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Unexpended	882.13
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Due from Manchester	87.06
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	\$4,590.62
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Aid to Dependent Children

Available by Appropriation	\$450.00
Overdraft	123.18

	\$573.18
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Expended	\$573.18
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Cemeteries - General

Available by Appropriation	\$200.00
Balance Feb. 14, 1955	101.99

\$301.99

—Expenditures:—

Arthur Leonard. mowing and care,

Center Yard	\$85.25
Arthur Leonard, labor	16.00
Arthur Johnson, labor	16.00
Maurice Higgins. labor	16.00
Neil Higgins. labor	10.00
Neil Higgins, truck	17.25
Donald Marcia. tractor	35.00
Gideon DeWitt, cutting grass & bushes	22.00
W. S. Libby, attendance	5.00

\$222.50

Unexpended

79.49

\$301.99

Cemeteries - Special

Available - withdrawal from funds	\$3.00
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—Expended:—

Arthur Leonard care Ward Lot	\$3.00
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Accounts Receivable**Hurricane:**

Due from State & Federal Funds, Feb. 14, 1955	\$4,077.55
Rec'd State Treas., Mar. 3, 1955	\$1,475.97
Rec'd Federal Funds, June 27, 1955	1,948.48
Due from Federal Funds	653.10

\$4,077.55

Porcupine - - - See Treasurer's report.

Liabilities**Accounts Payable:**

Over return on tax		\$1.08
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Paid Janetta Higgins	\$1.08	
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Withholding Tax:

Balance carried by Audit		\$ 83.40
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Deducted from wages		620.40
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\$703.80

Paid Director of Int. Revenue	\$592.40	
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Due Director of Internal Revenue	111.40	
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\$703.80

Notes Payable:

Balance Due Farwell Bros., Feb. 14, 1955	\$6,000.00	
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Rec'd from Farwell Bros., April 18, 1955	4,000.00	
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Rec'd from Farwell Bros., Aug. 24, 1955	1,000.00	
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Rec'd from Farwell Bros., Oct. 3, 1955	1,000.00	
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\$12,000.00

Paid Farwell Bros.:

June 29, 1955	\$2,000.00	
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Dec. 27, 1955	4,000.00	
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Feb. 10, 1955	2,000.00	
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\$8,000.00

Due Farwell Bros.	4,000.00	
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\$12,000.00

School Building Fund

Available by Appropriation		\$1,000.00
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Deposited at Federal Trust Co.	\$1,000.00	
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Total on Deposit	\$2,000.00	
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Grace Elkins Account

Balance from 1954		\$90.00
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Due Grace Elkins	\$90.00	
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Minnie Philbrick Bond

Rec'd U. S. Treasurer		\$27.60
Deposited Federal Trust Co.	\$27.60	

County Tax

Appropriation		\$1,480.00
Paid County Treasurer	\$1,480.00	

Overlay

Raised by Taxation		\$553.41
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Abatements

1946	\$ 40.56
1947	43.64
1948	70.02
1949	71.74
1950	59.54
1951	123.18
1952	111.60
1953	88.18
1954	7.92
1955	10.40

Excise Tax Account

Balance carried by Audit	\$ 501.90
Received from Collector	2,638.00

 \$3,139.90

Transferred to Town Charges	\$501.90
Transferred to Snow Removal	500.00
Transferred to Larrabee Road	100.00
Transferred to Sargent Road	200.00
Transferred to Fowler Road	100.00

 \$1,401.90

Balance Feb. 10, 1956	1,738.00
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 \$3,139.90
Town Received from State Treasurer, 1955

Education	\$8,155.00
Snow Removal	2,064.40

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Bank Stock Tax	178.22
State Aid Highway	3,258.85
Town Road Improvement	2,583.37
Cutting Bushes, R. R.	7.75
R. R. & Tel. Tax	280.59
Hurricane	1,475.97

 \$17,994.15

Rec'd from Federal Fund

on Hurricane

\$1,948.48

Due from Federal Fund

653.10

Resources

Cash in Treasury, Feb. 10, 1956	\$4,126.46
Bonds	3,874.00
Due from State, snow removal	2,064.40
Due from Federal Fund, hurricane	653.10
Due from State, porcupine bounty	84.50
Uncollected Taxes, 1955	2,062.12
Uncollected Taxes, prior to 1955	2,255.56
Due from Town of Manchester	87.06

 \$15,227.20

We believe the foregoing to be a true report of the receipts and disbursements for the year ending February 10, 1956. All original bills and payrolls for the various accounts are on file. Town books may be examined at reasonable times by interested persons.

Respectfully submitted,

NORA WORTMAN

F. A. WARD

MAURICE HIGGINS

Selectmen of Thorndike

YOUR TAX DOLLAR

Highways 19 %

School 40 %

Protection 4 %

Health and Sanitation 2 %

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Misc. 1 %

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Administration 9 %

County Tax 6 %

Charity 19 %

REPORT OF PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

For the Year Ending December 31, 1955

What do we want from life? Health, Happiness, Security, Prosperity? Note that, we as Public Health Nurses, place priority on Health. With Health as a basis, happiness, security, and prosperity will follow. Without Health, one cannot enjoy the other three requisites. Shall we, in planning and working together in 1956, keep these things upmost in our minds? Effort, understanding and cooperation must be our watchwords.

In 1955, 16 nursing days were spent in Thorndike.

Included were home visits to families presenting individual problems; consultation school visiting, discussions with town officials on mutual health problems and programs.

Child Health Conference services were made available to parents of infant and preschool children at the Unity conference which is staffed by a pediatrician. Interested community members provided transportation, and town funds have paid for immunizing materials for its own children. This may be a solution to future Child Health Conference services for Thorndike.

Also Thorndike transported its children to the Polio Vaccinations held in Unity. 37 children to date have been protected against this disease.

In 1956, audiometer testing for hearing is planned. This will include children from the fourth grades and up.

Have you, as community members, given any thought to a school physical examination program? Many communities are offering this yearly to all children in the second, fifth, and eighth grades. Unsuspected defects have been discovered and corrected before permanent damage could occur. Perhaps you would like to discuss this service and incorporate it into your own school system in 1956.

Respectfully submitted,

EUNICE S. NOLLET

Public Health Nurse

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Committee of the Town of Thorndike:

Hereby I submit my annual report of the educational program:

Directory

School Committee	Term Expires
Mrs. Mary Wren	1956
Mrs. Wilma Johnson	1957
Mr. Frederick A. Ward	1958
School Secretary, Union 79	Mrs. Helen Sanborn

Teachers

	Salary
Roosevelt School	
Mrs. Ruth Lowe, Grades S.P. - 8	\$2,000.00
Washington School	
Mr. Herbert E. Ryan, Grades 5 - 8	2,150.00
Mrs. Dorothy T. Hall, Grades S.P. - 4	2,000.00

School Registration, Feb. 15, 1956

Grade	S.P.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Roosevelt	1	6	3	4	2	1	3	3	1
Washington	5	5	6	6	8	8	11	3	8

Financial Statement, 1955—56

Credits:	
Balance	\$2,256.09
Appropriation	8,600.00
Subsidy	8,155.00
Thorndike Donation	30.00
	\$19,041.09
Expenditures:	
Instruction	\$6,342.98
Fuel	638.98

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Janitor and Cleaning	181.50	
Conveyance	3,201.00	
Tuition	5,432.16	
Supplies	272.83	
Textbooks	444.64	
Lights	119.28	
Supervision	583.74	
	<hr/>	\$17,217.11

Unexpended Balance		\$1,823.98
Repairs:		
Balance	\$337.54	
Appropriation	200.00	
M. E. Nowell Glass Co., refund	13.36	\$550.90
Expended		590.44
Overdraft		\$ -39.54

Budget 1956—57

Instruction	\$7,600.00	
Fuel	675.00	
Janitor and Cleaning	200.00	
Conveyance	3,201.00	
Tuition	7,020.30	
Supplies	400.00	
Text Books	450.00	
Lights	150.00	
Supervision	613.30	
	<hr/>	\$20,309.60

Balance	\$1,823.98	
Subsidy	9,968.00	
Thorndike Donation	30.00	\$11,821.98
Necessary Appropriation		8,487.62
Recommended Appropriation		8,500.00
Repairs:		
Recommended Appropriation		\$1,200.00

During the past winter months we have had some controversy regarding the heat and its control at the schools. These buildings are equipped with pot burners of 50,000 B. T. U. capacity. They have been installed

approximately ten years. Since these stoves are measured at full capacity for average temperatures they must work at full capacity the most of the time. The results are badly worn fans and the heat conductors on the inside are burned through. In the budget the item of repairs calls for a recommended appropriation of \$1,200. Prices for new stoves for all schools or a small furnace for the Washington School. This has been left open for discussion at the annual meeting. The school committee would like the assistance of public opinion before making a change.

For your information there has been constructed a small chart containing the annual tuition of each, the charges for the fall term, name of pupil and grade of pupil registered. The tuition account not only changes according to numbers but a gradual increase in annual costs. Since the payment of the fall bills there are several changes in pupil registration.

Thorndike Tuition Enrollment 1955

School	Attended	Grade	Brooks	Freedom	M.C.I.	Hig. C.
Annual Rate			290.00	307.00	313.39	300.00
Robert Sommerville	11			127.95		
Sandra Cyr	10					128.00
Raymond Carson	9	128.90				
Donna Sutor	9	128.90				
William Wren	9	128.90				
Barbara Hamlin	10	128.90				
Patricia Hustus	11	128.90				
Virginia Hamlin	12	128.90				
Barbara Wren	12	128.90				
Francis Wren	12	128.90				
Sylvia Austin	12			127.95		
Cedric Berry	9			127.95		
Thomas Berry	11			127.95		
Kenneth Black	12			127.95		
Donald Bradford	9			127.95		
Marylyn Cole	9			127.95		
David Marcia	9			127.95		

Kenneth Oaks	9	127.95		
Patricia Parkhurst	9	127.95		
Sandra Parkhurst	12	127.95		
Melvin Smith	9	127.95		
Norman Nutter	12		135.00	
Totals for Fall Term	1,031.20	1,535.40	135.00	128.00

For improvements during the past year, the ceiling of both buildings have been insulated, the Washington School painted inside and out and the Roosevelt School painted on the inside only.

The rooms at the Washington School have a very large registration besides several grades in each. This makes a difficult teaching position. At present several procedures have been mentioned, yet none approved. More information will be supplied at a later date if some definite solution receives support. The community school seems to be the answer for many of these problems.

In closing, I wish to thank the teachers, school committee and citizens who have assisted in our educational program.

Respectfully submitted,

VANCE L. McNAUGHTON

Superintendent of Schools

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK

Number of Births reported	18
Number of Deaths reported	6
Number of Marriages reported	11
Number of Fishing Licenses sold	48
Number of Hunting Licenses sold	73
Number of Combination Licenses sold	15
Number of Non-Resident Fishing Licenses sold	2
Number of Non-Resident Hunting Licenses sold	4
Number of Non-Resident Bird Licenses sold	2
Number of Dogs listed	66
Males registered	39
Females registered	12
Spayed Females	13
Number killed	2

It will cost 25 cents more to register your dog in 1956 than previous years. (Revised Statutes, 1954 - Amended, 1955) Chapter 100, Section 10.

Fees for Town Clerks

Marriage Certificate	\$2.00
Birth Certificate	.50
Death Certificate	.25
Recording Fee	1.00
Discharging	.25
Search of Records	.50

Respectfully submitted,

WILMA JOHNSON

Town Clerk

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

1955 Commitment	\$22,027.16
Supplementary Tax	21.00
	<hr/> \$22,048.16
1955 Taxes Paid	\$19,954.64
1955 Supplementary Tax Paid	21.00
1955 Abatements	10.40
1955 Unpaid Taxes	2,062.51
	<hr/> \$22,048.55

	Poll	Personal	Real	Total
O. W. Bagley			\$ 79.20	\$ 79.20
Raymond Bailey			19.80	19.80
I. L. Bryant			184.12	184.12
Arnold & Lena Dakin			97.32	97.32
J. W. Dolloff*		\$*26.64		*26.64
Clair Elkins		15.40		15.40
Jerome Fickett, Adm. of			13.20	13.20
Raymond Gill		94.60	* 182.60	277.20
Perley Grass*			*14.63	*14.63
Clarence & Aune Hinton		10.48		10.48
Effie Hunt			118.80	118.80
John Murray		8.28		8.28
Irving & Ina Moulton			59.84	59.84
H. N. Parkhurst			380.60	380.60
Albert Peabody	\$3.00	105.16		108.16
Clarence Penny	3.00		6.16	9.16
Elmer Penny			21.12	21.12
George Reynolds	3.00			3.00
Laurence & Ora Sargent			149.60	149.60
Charles Tweedie			190.08	190.08
John Tweedie*			*22.88	*22.88
Arnold Tweedie			96.80	96.80

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Scott Ward (Heirs of) *	*4.40	*44.00	*48.40
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	\$9.00	\$264.96	\$1,680.75	\$1,954.71
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Non-Residents

Maurice Elkins		\$13.20	\$13.20
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Clifton Grant		17.60	17.60
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Austin Gardiner		35.20	35.20
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Lewis Littlefield*		*22.00	*22.00
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Marjorie Smith		2.20	2.20
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Leila Thompson		17.60	17.60
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		\$107.80	\$107.80
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Total	\$9.00	\$264.96	\$1,788.55	\$2,062.51
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*Paid after books closed

JANETTA HIGGINS

Collector

Unpaid Taxes, 1954

Mellie Peabody		\$88.00
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Clarence Penny		.92
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	\$88.92
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JANETTA HIGGINS

Collector

Unpaid Taxes, 1952

D. L. Black		\$29.50
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W. J. Dolloff		25.52
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Preston Daggett		3.00
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Edmund Hamlin		25.52
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Clarence Penney		3.00
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William Porter		14.96
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	\$101.50
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Unpaid Taxes, 1951

Edmund Hamlin		\$28.85
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Clarence Penney

4.09

\$32.94**Unpaid Taxes, 1950**

Herman Cates

\$46.99

Clarence Penney

3.83

\$50.82**Unpaid Taxes, 1949**

Clarence Penney

\$3.78

Unpaid Taxes, 1948

Albert Peabody

\$12.24

W. S. LIBBY

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash on hand, Feb. 14, 1955	\$1,333.91
U. S. Treasurer, Int. on Minnie Philbrick Bond	27.60
U. S. Treasurer, Int. on Series G. Bonds	50.00
State Treasurer, Hurricane Flood Damage	3,424.45
State Treasurer, Snow Removal	2,064.40
State Treasurer, Bank Stock Tax	178.22
State Treasurer, State Aid Road	3,258.85
State Treasurer, Educational Subsidies	8,155.00
State Treasurer, R. R., Tel. & Tel. Tax Refund	280.59
State Treasurer, Town Road Improvement Fund	2,583.37
State Treasurer, Public Utilities	7.75
Farwell Bros., Loan	6,000.00
Federal Trust Co., Cemetery Trust Funds With- drawn	3.00
Federal Trust Co., Cash, 1953 & '54 Liens, Int. and Cost on Robert & Caroline Richmond Place	223.17
Mildred Ward, Cash, 1953 Lien, Int. and Cost on E. Scott Ward Place	37.84
Farwell Bros., Cash, 1951 & '52 Liens, Int. and Cost on L. A. Black Place	262.02
Marshall Cole, Cash, 1954 Lien, Int. & Cost	147.30
Guy Libby, Cash, 1954 Lien, Int. & Cost	24.86
Maurice Elkins, Cash, 1954 Lien, Int. & Cost	17.70
Linwood Reynolds, Cash, 1954 Lien, Int. & Cost	8.50
Arnold Tweedie, Cash, 1953 Lien, Int. & Cost	88.10
Mrs. J. W. Dolloff, Cash, Part Payment, 1952 Lien	40.00
N. E. Sargent, Cash, Lawrence & Ora Sargent's 1953 Lien, Int. & Cost	137.93
Raymond & Margaret Gill, Cash, 1954 Lien Int. & Cost	212.80
H. M. Parkhurst, Cash, 1954 Lien, Int. & Cost	407.85
Town of Manchester, Care of Morton Family	1,865.81
Olney Bagley, Sec'y of Fire Dept., Truck Body	10.00

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Thorndike Vol. Fire Dept., Town of Knox, Hawkins Fire	15.00
Thorndike Vol. Fire Dept., Town of Knox, Bailey & Furrow Fire	31.00
Thorndike Vol. Fire Dept., Fire Department	135.00
Town of Knox, Salt for Sanding	235.50
M. E. Newell Glass Co., Refund to School Dept. for Paint	13.36
Ruth Lowe, Withholding Tax	272.00
Dorothy Hall, Withholding Tax	247.80
Pauline Thompson, Withholding Tax	19.20
Vellora Todd, Withholding Tax	3.20
Iris Lowe, Withholding Tax	8.00
Herbert Ryan, Withholding Tax	64.60
George Cole, Withholding Tax	5.60
W. S. Libby, 1950 Tax	13.49
Janetta Higgins, Excise Tax	2,638.00
Janetta Higgins, 1953 Tax	25.08
Janetta Higgins, 1954 Tax	1,175.64
Janetta Higgins, 1954 Supplementary Tax	20.72
Janetta Higgins, 1955 Tax	19,954.64
Janetta Higgins, 1955 Supplementary Tax	21.00
W. S. Libby, 1946 Abatement	40.56
W. S. Libby, 1947 Abatement	43.64
W. S. Libby, 1948 Abatement	70.02
W. S. Libby, 1949 Abatement	71.74
W. S. Libby, 1950 Abatement	59.54
W. S. Libby, 1951 Abatement	123.18
W. S. Libby, 1952 Abatement	111.60
Janetta Higgins, 1953 Abatement	88.18
Janetta Higgins, 1954 Abatement	7.92
Janetta Higgins, 1955 Abatement	10.40

 \$56,376.63

Cash Paid Out:—

Warrants Paid by Check	\$52,250.17
Cash on Hand, Feb. 10, 1956	4,126.46

 \$56,376.63

Porcupine Account

Received from Town		\$110.00
Paid Bounty	\$95.00	
Cash on Hand	15.00	
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	\$110.00	
Due from State, Feb. 10, 1956		\$84.50

GRACE E. LIBBY

Treasurer of Thorndike

Special Cemetery Fund

	Withdrawn		
	Amt. for		
	Original	Feb. 1, Expen-	Present
	Amt.	1956 ditures	Amt.
Ellen E. Bumps	\$200.00	\$342.27 \$3.00	\$342.27
Asa Cole	100.00	170.60	170.60
Frances A. Harmon	50.00	50.19	50.19
John H. Coffin	50.00	78.68	78.68
Mark P. Palmer	50.00	77.98	77.98
James H. Rackliff	100.00	108.82	108.82
Henry E. Parsons	50.00	53.89	53.89
Geo. P. & Flora Maxim			
Ward	200.00	221.61 \$3.00	218.61
John S. Foster	150.00	161.21	161.21
Florence Rose	200.00	225.13	225.13
Ben & Olive Ames	100.00	139.20	139.20
Minnie E. Philbrick			
Bond	1,000.00		
Int. on above bond			
in Bank		208.50	208.50
Edna R. Smith Estate	200.00	217.30	217.30
J. D. Higgins	200.00	220.60	220.60
Rebecca Lewis Fund	400.00	1,023.53	1,023.53
Withdrawn for Expenditures		<hr/>	\$3.00

AUDITOR'S REPORT

L. EVERETT OUTHOUSE
Public Accountant and Auditor
Portland 3, Maine

May 3, 1955

Board of Selectman
Town of Thorndike
Thorndike, Maine

Gentlemen:

In accordance with your request, we have audited the records of the Town of Thorndike, for the municipal year ended February 14, 1955.

The examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and included all procedures which we considered necessary. Insofar as could be determined within the scope of the examination, the financial affairs of the town appear to have been administered in a proper manner.

The results of the audit are disclosed in the exhibits and schedules embodied in this report, and fairly present the financial position of the Town of Thorndike, and the results of its operations for the municipal year ended February 14, 1955.

Respectfully submitted,

L. EVERETT OUTHOUSE

EXHIBIT "B"

COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEETS

	Years Ended	
	February 14, 1955	February 22, 1954
ASSETS		
Cash	\$1,333.91	\$ 460.69
Accounts Receivable	4,077.55	2,359.60
Taxes Receivable	\$4,103.87	\$3,106.22
Reserve for Losses	148.30	2,957.92
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Tax Liens	602.67	545.69
Tax Acquired Property	1,509.89	1,366.71
Investments	3,000.00	3,000.00
Capital Reserve Fund	874.00	874.00
Trust Funds Invested	3,204.10	3,164.07
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Total Assets and Trust Funds Invested	\$18,557.69	\$14,728.68
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LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable:		
Tax Collector - Overpayment	\$ 1.08	\$.10
Withholding Tax	83.40	85.50
Notes Payable	6,000.00	3,000.00
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Total Liabilities	6,084.48	3,085.60
SURPLUS		
Appropriated	5,796.45	3,419.50
Unappropriated	2,598.66	4,185.51
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Total Liabilities and Surplus	14,479.59	10,690.61
Trust Funds Principal	4,078.10	4,038.07
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Total Liabilities, Surplus and Trust Fund Principal	\$18,557.69	\$14,728.68
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SCHEDULE 6

TRUST AND RESERVE FUND INVESTMENTS

February 14, 1955

CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS:		Amount
Time Deposits - Federal Trust Co., Unity, Principal		\$1,650.00
Interest		554.10
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Total Time Deposits		2,204.10

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United States Savings Bond No. M6906270, 2½% - 1956	1,000.00
Total Cemetery Trust Funds	3,204.10
CAPITAL RESERVE FUND:	
United States Savings Bond, "F" No.	
D466405F 7-1-56	437.00
United States Savings Bond, "F" No.	
D466406F 7-1-56	437.00
Total Capital Reserve Fund	874.00
Total Trust and Reserve Funds	\$4,078.10

SCHEDULE 7

GENERAL FUND INVESTMENTS

February 14, 1955

Description	Amount
United States Savings Bond, No. M13112773G 2½%, 3-1-55	\$1,000.00
United States Savings Bond, No. M2992321G 2½%, 7-1-56	1,000.00
United States Savings Bond, No. M2992322G 2½%, 7-1-56	1,000.00
Total General Fund Investments	\$3,000.00

A complete report of audit is on file with the selectmen.

TOWN WARRANT

State of Maine

Waldo, ss.

To Neil Higgins, a constable of the Town of Thorndike in said County

Greetings:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the said Town of Thorndike, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble in the Town Hall, in said town, on the twelfth day of March, A. D., 1956, at 10:00 in the forenoon to act on the following articles, to wit:

- Art. 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.
- Art. 2. To choose a town clerk for the ensuing year.
- Art. 3. To hear and act on the reports of the Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor, Treasurer, Collector, Superintendent of Schools, Clerk and other town officers.
- Art. 4. To choose all other necessary town officers for the ensuing year.
1. Selectmen
 2. Assessors
 3. Overseers of the Poor
 4. Treasurer
 5. Member of School Committee
 6. Member of Cemetery Committee
 7. Fire Ward
 8. Road Commissioner

9. Tax Collector - Table until articles 38 and 39 are taken up.

10. Constable

11. Budget Committee or others

Art. 5. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$210.00 for street lighting.

Art. 6. To raise the sum of \$30.00 for the Thorndike Donation.

Art. 7. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for town roads and bridges. Recommendation \$700.00

Art. 8. To see what sum the town will raise and appropriate for State Aid road construction (in addition to the amounts regularly raised for the care of ways highways and bridges) under the provisions of Sections 44, 49 or 50, Chapter 23, R. S., 1954, as amended.
Recommendation - 2 units, \$1,066.00

Art. 9. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for plowing and sanding roads.
Recommendation \$1,000.00 and \$500.00 from Excise.

Art. 10. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for repair and maintenance of Farm to Market Roads.
Recommendation \$700.00

Art. 11. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate to improve the road past Fred Benjamin's.

Art. 12. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for use on Fowler road.

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- Art. 13. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for gravel to supplement the Town Road Improvement Fund.
Recommendation \$250.00
- Art. 14. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for tar.
Recommendation \$500.00 from Excise
- Art. 15. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for Larrabee Road.
Recommendation \$100.00
- Art. 16. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to pay wages for all highway work in conformity with the established State Highway Commission scale.
- Art. 17. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for repair of highway equipment.
Recommendation \$500 from excise.
- Art. 18. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the support of elementary and secondary schools.
Recommendation \$8,500.00
- Art. 19. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for school repairs.
Recommendation \$1,200.00
- Art. 20. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and set aside for the school building fund.
Recommendation \$1,000.00
- Art. 21. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Fire Department.
Recommendation \$700.00
- Art. 22. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate to buy 1 ½" hose.
Recommended by Fire Dept. \$400.00

- Art. 23. To transact any other business pertaining to the Fire Department that may legally come before said meeting.
- Art. 24. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate to purchase a new snow plow.
- Art. 25. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for Aid to Dependent Children. Recommendation \$500.00
- Art. 26. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for support of the poor.
Recommendation \$1,000.00 and \$1,000.00 from excise.
- Art. 27. To see what the town wants to do about the Bonds that mature this year.
- Art. 28. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$50.00 for public health nursing in Thorndike, said sum to be expended by Maine Dept. of Health and Welfare, Bureau of Health, for local service.
- Art. 29. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for care of cemeteries. Recommendation \$200.00
- Art. 30. To see whether or not the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25.00 to be paid to the State Publicity Bureau to be expended and used for advertising the natural resources, advantages and attractions of the State of Maine, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 91, Section 108, of the Revised Statutes of 1954.
- Art. 31. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for town charges.
Recommendation \$1,000.00

- Art. 32. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for salaries of Town Officers.
Recommendation \$1,200.00
- Art. 33. To see if the town will vote to authorize the municipal officers to print in the annual report the names of those persons receiving pauper assistance.
- Art. 34. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Town Dump.
Recommendation \$50.00
- Art. 35. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to procure temporary loans in anticipation of taxes for the purpose of paying indebtedness of the town, such notes to be paid during the current year.
- Art. 36. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen on behalf of the town to dispose of any real estate acquired by the town for non-payment of taxes thereon, on such terms as they deem advisable and to execute quit-claim deeds for such property.
- Art. 37. To see what the town wants to do about persons living on property acquired by town for non-payment of taxes.
- Art. 38. To see what method the town will take relative to collecting taxes, also excise tax.
- Art. 39. To see if the town will vote that all poll and personal taxes be paid by Jan. 1st.
- Art. 40. To see if the town will vote to continue its membership in the Maine Municipal Association.
- Art. 41. To see if the town will vote to appoint a Budget Committee to cooperate with the selectmen and school committee in preparing a recom-

mended budget for the next annual meeting and appoint same.

- Art. 42. To see if the town will vote to hold one-half of all warrants to be credited on holder's tax until such tax is paid in full, or act thereon.
- Art. 43. To see if the inhabitants of the Town of Thorndike will vote to accept the \$42.50 donated by citizens for the Memorial Tablet.
- Art. 44. To see if the town will vote to dispense with the printing of itemized lists of receipts and disbursements in the annual report, such vote to stand until revoked at a regular town meeting.
- Art. 45. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

The selectmen hereby give notice that they will be in session at the Town Hall at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon on the day of said meeting to revise and correct the list of voters.

Given under our hands at Thorndike, Maine this 1st day of March, 1956.

NORA WORTMAN

FREDERIC WARD

MAURICE HIGGINS

Selectmen of Thorndike

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
MUNICIPAL OFFICERS
OF THE
TOWN OF THORNDIKE
MAINE
FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 1956

PLEASE BRING THIS REPORT WITH YOU
TOWN MEETING DAY

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NOTICE

Excise tax on tractors must be paid before April 1st.

TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator—Beverly Parkhurst

Town Clerk—Wilma Johnson

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor

Nora Wortman Frederic A. Ward Maurice Higgins

Tax Collector—Mava Maxim

Excise Tax Collector—Mava Maxim

Treasurer—Grace Libby

School Committee

Wilma Johnson—Frederic A. Ward—Mary Wren

Superintendent of Schools

Vance McNaughton Robert Johnson

Constable—Ernest Bragdon

Health Officer—Dr. A. G. Jewell

Cemetery Committee

Maurice Higgins—W. S. Libby—Arthur Leonard

Road Commissioner—Emery Amsden (resigned)

Road Commissioner (appointed)—Marshall Cole

Fire Ward—Olney Bagley

Appropriations 1956

Town Roads and Bridges	\$ 700.00
Snow Removal	1,000.00
Farm to Market Roads	700.00
State Aid Road Construction	1,066.00
Larrabee Road	100.00
Elementary & Secondary Schools	8,500.00
School House Repair	1,200.00
Thorndike Donation	30.00
Street Lights	210.00
School Building Fund	1,000.00
Aid to Dependent Children	500.00
Support of Poor	1,000.00
Health Nurse	50.00
Fire Department	700.00
Cemeteries	200.00
Town Charges	1,000.00
Town Officers	1,200.00
Public Dump	50.00
Fire Hose	400.00
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	\$19,606.00
County Tax	1,480.00
Overlay	96.22
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Tax Commitment	\$21,182.22

In addition to the above sums to be raised by taxation the Town voted to appropriate the following sums from Excise:

To Snow Removal	\$1,500.00
To Tar	500.00
To Repair Equipment	500.00
To Poor	1,000.00

ASSESSORS' REPORT

VALUATION AND ASSESSMENTS

List of property at its just valuation in the Town of Thorndike for the year 1956, made for return to Bureau of Taxation, as required by law:

Number of polls taxed 111
 Number of polls not taxed 25
 Rate of taxation \$84.00 per thousand

Description of Property

Real Estate, resident	\$142,360.00
Real Estate, non-resident	44,955.00

Total Real Estate	\$187,315.00
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Personal Property, resident	\$52,415.00
Personal Property, non-resident	8,475.00

Total Personal Property	\$60,890.00
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Total Value All Properties	\$248,205.00
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Town Tax	\$19,606.00
County Tax	1,480.00
Overlay	96.22

	\$21,182.22
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Rate .084 × \$248,205.00	\$20,849.22
111 Polls @ \$3.00	333.00

	\$21,182.22
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Total value of land	\$92,740.00
Total value of buildings	94,475.00

	\$187,315.00
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Taxable Livestock and Poultry

	No.	Av. Value	Total
Horses	24	\$30.00	\$ 725.00
Steers, Bulls, Beef Cattle	22	38.00	850.00
Milk Cows, including heifers that have freshened	364	54.00	19,730.00
Heifers, not yet freshened	35	39.00	1,360.00
Heifers, under 2 years	84	35.00	2,985.00
Swine, over 10 in number	2	5.00	10.00
Poultry, over 50 in number	8,325		990.00
Total			<hr/> \$26,650.00

Other Personal Property

	Number	Value	
Stock in Trade	8	\$22,000.00	
Boats	1	100.00	
Gasoline Pumps & Att.	6	450.00	
Musical Instruments	15	375.00	
Radios & Televisions	159	6,315.00	
Tractors	1	200.00	
Machinery & Equipment		4,800.00	
			<hr/> \$34,240.00
Total Livestock & Poultry			\$26,650.00
Total Other Personal Property			34,240.00
Total All Personal Property			<hr/> \$60,890.00

Exemptions

Livestock and Poultry	\$5,120.00
Value of Property not Assessed and not included in Valuation (Veterans, Old Age, etc.)	5,815.00
No. of Polls not taxed	25

Town Owned Real Estate

Bela Fowler
 Fish Lot
 *Sprague Lot
 El H. Littlefield Heirs
 Sparrow Lot

Merton Fogg
 Merton Fogg 2
 John Murray
 DeWitt Wood Lot
 Edmund Hamlin
 Mrs. J. W. Dolloff
 Albert Libby
 Loren Hale
 Elden Leigh
 Luther Daggett
 Lauriston Hustus
 R. F. Gardner

Other Town Owned Property

Roosevelt School House	Adding Machine
Washington School House	Tractor & Plow
Fire House	Small Plow
Tractor House	Sander
Fire Truck	Road Machine
Tank Truck	
Fire Fighting Equipment	
Value Placed on Above	\$11,185.00

Supplemental Tax Commitment

Omitted by mistake from original assesment \$34.10
 Original warrant committed to Mava Maxim, Col-
 lector on May 4, 1956.

NORA WORTMAN

FREDERIC A. WARD

MAURICE HIGGINS

Assessors of Thorndike

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Town Officers' Salaries

Appropriation		\$1,200.00
Expenditures:		
Nora Wortman	\$400.00	
F. A. Ward	100.00	
Maurice Higgins	100.00	
Wilma Johnson, Clerk	50.00	
Grace Libby, Treasurer	85.00	
Mava Maxim, Tax Collector	350.00	
Ernest Bragdon, Constable	15.00	
Olney Bagley, Fire Ward	5.00	
Beverly Parkhurst, Moderator	10.00	
Dr. A. G. Jewell, Health Officer	10.00	
Wilma Johnson, School Board	15.00	
F. A. Ward, School Board	15.00	
Mary Wren, School Board	15.00	
	\$1,170.00	
Unexpended	30.00	
		\$1,200.00

Town Charges

Appropriation		\$1, 000.00
Porcupine Bounty		84.50
Bank Stock Tax		192.41
R. R. and Tel. Tax		268.31
Rebate on Insurance Policy		3.60
Interest & Costs on Liens		143.87
		\$1,692.69
Expenditures:		
L. Everett Outhouse, Auditor	\$150.00	
E. Morin, Sheriff Service	2.60	
Harold Parkhurst, Notary Service	5.00	
David Fish, Legal Advice	5.00	

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Maine Municipal Ass'n., Dues	35.00
W. T. Vickery, Bonds	20.00
W. T. Vickery, Insurance, School House	20.60
W. T. Vickery, Insurance on Tractor	27.74
Farwell Bros., Interest on Notes	293.50
O. J. Farwell, Interest on Note	27.50
Bradford Dow, Photostatic Copy	16.00
Registry of Deeds, Transfers	5.90
Hutchins Bros., Printing Reports	150.75
Hutchins Bros., Supplies	27.52
Marks Printing House, Supplies	24.97
Loring, Short & Harmon, Supplies	9.02
Federal Trust Co., box rent	3.30
Federal Trust Co., check book	4.79
Federal Trust Co., service charge	3.78
Grace Libby, porcupine bounty	75.00
Grace Libby, supplies & postage	12.46
Grace Libby, discharging liens	12.50
Janetta Higgins, making and recording liens	43.00
Nora Wortman, out of town mileage	44.30
Nora Wortman, postage & telephone	12.86
Wilma Johnson, expense at convention	8.13
Mava Maxim, supplies & postage	7.55
Dr. F. E. Hanscom, polio clinic	10.00
Nora Wortman, election duty	12.00
F. A. Ward, election duty	15.00
Maurice Higgins, election duty	18.00
George Bragdon, election duty	18.00
W. S. Libby, election duty	12.00
Wilma Johnson, election duty	18.00
Ruth Benjamin, election duty	18.00
Edith Gilchrest, election duty	6.00
Octavia Reynolds, election duty	12.00
Grace Grass, election duty	6.00

 \$1,193.77

Unexpended	498.92
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	\$1,692.69

HEALTH AND SANITATION

	Health Nurse	
Appropriated		\$50.00
Expended	\$50.00	
	Town Dump	
Appropriated		\$50.00
Expended	\$50.00	

PROTECTION

	Fire Department	
Appropriated		\$700.00
Expenditures:		
Central Maine Power Co., lights	\$ 24.48	
J. & C. Oil Co., fuel	130.24	
W. T. Vickery, insurance	193.21	
Flewelling's Garage, supplies & repair	74.44	
Sudbury Laboratory, supplies	39.50	
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	461.87	
Unexpended	238.13	
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	\$700.00	
	Fire Hose	
Appropriated		\$400.00
Expended:		
Justin A. McCarthy Co., hose	\$400.00	
	Street Lights	
Appropriation		\$210.00
Expended:		
Central Maine Power Co.	\$210.00	

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Civil Defense

Balance, Feb. 10, 1956	\$222.26
Unexpended	\$222.26

HIGHWAYS

Town Roads and Bridges

Appropriation	\$700.00
Expenditures:	
Emery Amsden, labor	\$ 15.07
Marshall Cole, truck and labor	173.12
Donald Marcia, bulldozer	55.41
Arthur Johnson, shovel	43.20
Harold Raven, tractor	42.40
Lewis Higgins, tractor	42.40
Marshall Cole, bridge material	114.76
Alton Cooper, bridge material	7.00
Alton Cooper, labor	8.40
Lewis Cole, truck & labor	58.00
Stephen Fowler, tractor	18.00
George Cole, truck driver	60.89
D. L. Black, labor	19.42
Lawrence Cole, labor	4.73
Lawrence Sargent, labor	12.60
Marshall Cole, gravel	13.10
Arthur Leonard, gravel	5.90
Gerald Fowler, gravel	5.60
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	\$700.00

Farm to Market Roads

Appropriation	\$700.00
Expenditures:	
Emery Amsden, commissioner	\$ 13.70
Roland Reid, truck	86.70
Robert Elwell, truck & gravel	35.03
E. Fred Ahrens, truck & labor	24.40
Marshall Cole, truck & labor	151.42
George Cole, driver	59.75

Lewis Cole, truck	77.05
Stephen Fowler, tractor	39.60
Alton Cooper, labor	4.20
Harold Raven, tractor	27.83
Lewis Higgins, tractor	78.17
Neil Higgins, truck	17.70
Arthur Johnson, shovel	79.20
Marshall Cole, gravel	11.40
Gerald Fowler, gravel	19.40
Farwell Bros., spikes	6.25
D. L. Black, labor	10.50
Bancroft & Martin, culvert	16.39

\$758.69

Overdraft

\$58.69

Winter Roads

Appropriation	\$1,000.00
From Excise	500.00
Treas. of State	2,064.40
From Excise, special town meeting	1,000.00

\$4,564.40

Overdraft

917.97

\$5,482.37

Expenditures:

Neil Higgins, snow contract	\$1,996.13
Neil Higgins, plowing & sanding	1,600.37
Neil Higgins, plowing cemetery	9.60
Waterville Sentinel	9.00
Bangor Daily News	14.43
Flewelling's Garage, gas for tractor	47.58
Lewis Sparrow, sanding	30.45
Marshall Cole, sanding	219.99
George Cole, sanding	85.32
Donald Maxim, sanding	5.70
Raymond Bailey, sanding	1.00
William Oakes, sanding	16.25
Alton Cooper, sanding	30.85

Elden Ward, sanding	10.50
Edward Wren, sanding	1.57
Lawrence Cole, sanding	20.42
Raymond Oakes, sanding	2.62
Roger Wingate, sanding	173.47
Olney Bagley, sanding	5.62
Norman Wingate, sanding	2.10
Erving Curtis, sanding	71.53
George Reynolds, sanding	5.25
Maurice Higgins, sanding	32.75
Sherman Curtis, sanding	2.10
Charles Jewell, sanding	1.57
Lewis Higgins, sanding	53.12
Raymond Grass, driving tractor	10.00
Perley Grass, wingman	4.00
Donald Marcia, opening wood roads	54.00
W. H. Shurtleff Co., salt	366.80
Roger Wingate, hauling salt	6.00
Roland Reid, unloading salt car	31.00
Robert Winship, sand, stockpile	21.45
Arthur Johnson, sand, stockpile	2.75
Arthur Johnson, shovel, stockpile	111.60
Neil Higgins, truck, stock pile	90.45
Marshall Cole, truck & labor, stock pile	95.75
George Cole, driver & labor, stock pile	73.70
D. L. Black, labor, stock pile	32.55
D. Clark, taking down snow fence	13.00
Clyde Libby, taking down snow fence	8.00
James Curtis, taking down snow fence	10.00
Maurice Higgins, putting up snow fence	41.13
Lauriston Hustus, putting up snow fence	16.80
Neil Higgins, putting up snow fence	13.65
Don Cole, putting up snow fence	30.45
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	\$5,482.37

State Aid Road

Appropriated by town	\$1,066.00
Apportioned by State	2,132.00

Balance 1955	25.82	
Total Available		\$3,223.82
Expenditures:		
Mahlon Nelson, foreman	\$ 88.56	
Mahlon Glidden, bulldozer	439.37	
Clarence Freeman, operator	90.63	
Arthur Johnson, gravel	481.00	
Treas. of State, shovel	415.20	
Neil Higgins, truck & driver	147.40	
Royce Nelson, truck & driver	147.40	
Douglas Chadwick, truck	101.20	
Maurice Turner, driver	46.20	
Claybon Stickney, labor	47.25	
Allen Kimball, truck	56.35	
Daniel Lawrence, driver	25.73	
Roland Reid, truck & driver	250.75	
Lewis Cole, truck	101.20	
George Cole, driver	46.20	
Robert Elwell, truck & driver	177.10	
Lloyd Myrick, truck & driver	147.40	
Arthur Brillard, driver	27.30	
George Danforth, driver	7.35	
Marshall Cole, driver	46.20	
Clair Gurney, truck & driver	147.40	
Wallace Rajaniemi, truck & driver	120.60	
Total Expended	\$3,157.79	
Balance	66.03	
		\$3,223.82

Larrabee Road

Balance, Feb. 10, 1956	\$100.00
Appropriation	100.00
	\$200.00
Expended:	
Marshal Cole, truck	\$28.35
Lewis Cole, truck	30.15

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Arthur Johnson, shovel	32.40
Lewis Sparrow, labor	9.45

	<hr/> \$100.35
Unexpended	99.65
	<hr/> \$200.00

Town Road Improvement

Apportioned by State	\$2,622.42
Balance, 1955	59.44

Total Available	\$2,681.86
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Expenditures:

Bancroft & Martin Rolling Mills	\$343.85
Treas. of State, shovel	259.50
Arthur Leonard, gravel	304.00
Mahlon Nelson, foreman	81.64
Mahlon Glidden, bulldozer	414.50
Clarence Freeman, Jr., operator	85.50
Allen Kimball, truck	62.10
Daniel Lawrence, driver	28.35
Roland Reid, truck	130.95
Norman Nutter, driver	28.35
Lewis Cole, truck	62.10
George Cole, driver	28.35
Lloyd Myrick, truck & driver	90.45
Robert Elwell, truck & driver	160.45
Arthur Brillard, driver	28.35
George Danforth, driver	9.45
Marshall Cole	9.45
Clair Gurney, truck & driver	90.45
Wallace Rajaniemi, truck & driver	90.45
Royce Nelson	90.45
Douglas Chadwick, truck	59.80
Maurice Turner, driver	27.30
Claybon Stickney, labor	18.90
Neil Higgins, truck & driver	70.35

Total Expended	<hr/> \$2,575.04
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Unexpended balance	106.82	
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Tar Account

Balance, Feb. 10, 1956		\$500.00
Appropriated		500.00
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Unexpended	\$1,000.00
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Repair of Highway Equipment

Appropriated from Excise		\$500.00
Paid Flewelling's Garage	\$266.94	
Balance	233.06	
	<hr/>	\$500.00

Support of Poor

Balance, Feb. 10, 1956	\$ 882.13
Appropriation	1,000.00
From Excise	1,000.00
Bal. Due from Manchester, 1955	87.06
From Fickett Estate	200.00
Rec'd., Town of Manchester	354.28
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\$3,523.47

Expenditures:**Clarence Penney**

Eastern Maine General Hospital	\$636.41
Merle Penney, medicine	13.70
Merle Penney, clothing	3.45
Harold Raven, conveyance	10.00
Thorndike General Store, food	20.97
Dr. A. G. Jewell, services	16.00
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\$700.53

Edmund Hamlin

Thorndike General Store, food	\$33.04
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Gerald Fowler, wood	18.00
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\$51.04

Mellie Peabody

Waterville Osteopathic Hospital	\$255.03
Dr. F. E. Hanscom, services	50.00
Dr. Russell Bridges, services	20.00

\$325.03

Pheby Gardner

Treas. of State, San. care	\$ 24.85
Stephen Fowler, wood	38.00
Donald Marcia, wood	140.00
Dr. F. E. Hanscom, services	21.00
Thorndike General Store, food	168.14
Neil Higgins, wood	6.00
Reed Drug Store	8.50

\$406.49

Gideon DeWitt

Stephen Fowler, wood	\$ 20.50
Gerald Fowler, sawing wood	5.25
Donald Marcia, wood	140.00
Thorndike General Store, food	194.71
Stern's Dept. Store, clothing	6.95
Penney's, clothing	13.54
A. G. Jewell, services	17.00
Reed's Drug Store, medicine	3.25

\$401.20

Case No. 1

Jennie Lovejoy, board and care	\$369.70
Jennie Lovejoy, medicine	12.00
A. G. Jewell, D. O., services	36.00
Myrtle Wing Nursing Home, care	306.00
A. R. Pilley, medicine	9.35

\$733.05

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Case No. 2

J. & C. Oil Co., fuel	\$132.17	
Isaac Reynolds, potatoes	1.20	
Thorndike General Store, food	209.66	
A. G. Jewell, D. O., services	7.00	
Reed Drug, medicine	4.25	
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		\$354.28
Total Expended	\$2,971.62	
Unexpended	549.85	
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	\$3,523.47	

Aid to Dependent Children

Appropriation	\$500.00
Overdraft	315.88
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	\$815.88

Expended:

State Dept. Health & Welfare	\$815.88
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The overdraft in the above account came about by Federal legislative action resulting in increases in grants to the recipients, effective October 1, 1956.

CEMETERIES

General

Appropriated	\$200.00	
Balance, Feb. 10, 1956	79.49	
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Total Available		\$279.49
Expenditures:		
Emblem Flag Company, markers	\$67.33	
Arthur Johnson, shovel	45.00	
Thorndike General Store, seed	7.65	
Lewis Higgins, fertilizer	6.50	
Neil Higgins, truck	39.60	
Maurice Higgins, labor	31.00	

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Arthur Leonard, loam & labor	66.41
Lewis Higgins, labor	16.00

 \$279.49
Cemeteries - - Special

Rec'd., Federal Trust Co., interest	\$43.73
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Expenditures:

Arthur Leonard, care of lots	\$43.73
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County Tax

Available by taxation	\$1,480.00
Paid County Treasurer	\$1,480.00

School Building Fund

Appropriation	\$1,000.00
Deposited, Federal Trust	\$1,000.00
Total on Deposit	\$3,000.00

Minnie Philbrick Bond

Rec'd., U. S. Treasurer	\$27.60
Deposited, Federal Trust Co.	\$27.60

Grace Elkins Account

Balance Carried, Feb. 1956	\$90.00
Due Grace Elkins	\$90.00

Overlay

Raised by Taxation	\$96.22
Unassigned	\$96.22

Fire Pond

Balance on Hand Feb. 10, 1956	\$56.00
W. G. Hawes, fence	\$32.58
Balance	23.42

 \$56.00
Excise Tax

Balance, Feb. 10, 1956	\$1,738.00
Rec'd Janetta Higgins	972.00
Rec'd., Mava Maxim	1,820.59

 \$4,530.59

Transferred to Snow Removal	\$1,500.00
Transferred to Tar Account	500.00
Transferred to Poor Account	1,000.00
Transferred to Repair	500.00
Balance	1,030.59

\$4,530.59

Assets

Cash in Treasury, Feb. 11, 1957	\$3,587.32
Bonds for School	3,042.00
Other Bonds	1,008.00
Due from State, snow removal	2,064.40
Due from State, porcupine bounty	93.00
Uncollected Taxes, 1956	1,959.93

\$11,754.65

Liabilities

Withholding Tax:

Balance carried by audit	\$111.40
Deducted from wages	765.05

\$876.45

Paid Director of Int. Revenue	\$745.35
Due Director of Int. Revenue	131.10

\$876.45

Notes Payable:

Balance due Farwell Bros., Feb. 10, 1956	\$4,000.00
Rec'd. from Farwell Bros., Mar. 19, 1956	3,000.00
Rec'd. from O. J. Farwell, Sept. 19, 1956	3,000.00

\$10,000.00

Paid Farwell Bros.:

March 5, 1956	\$2,000.00
Jan. 7, 1957	3,000.00

Paid O. J. Farwell:

Jan. 7, 1957	3,000.00
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Due Farwell Bros.	2,000.00
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	\$10,000.00

We believe the foregoing to be a true report of the receipts and disbursements for the year ending February 11, 1957. All original bills and payrolls for the various accounts are on file. Town books may be examined at reasonable times by interested persons.

Respectfully submitted,

NORA WORTMAN

FREDERIC WARD

MAURICE HIGGINS

Selectmen of Thorndike

REPORT OF THORNDIKE FIRE DEPARTMENT

We have had ten calls during the past year, four chimney fires, one house fire, one barn fire, one grass fire. The other three fires were out of town, two to Knox and one to Unity.

The Ladies' Auxiliary is purchasing a new fire alarm which will be installed on the Fire House and connected with the Dial telephone system.

Respectfully submitted,

OLNEY BAGLEY, Sec'y

Voluntary Fire Department

REPORT OF PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

For the Year Ending December 31, 1956

Each year, we **do** wonder how successful is our approach to Better Health. True, we have better opportunities to learn the latest trends in medical and psychiatric findings since nearly every home has contact with large centers through radio, TV, authentic newspaper and magazine articles. Perhaps we are saying to ourselves "this is not applicable to me". **Perhaps** it would be better to say "these things **can** happen to me and mine". Awareness of a problem alerts us to do something about it.

Have we done "something" about Polio, not only in our community, but as American citizens shouldering our responsibilities in the all-out war to stamp out this dread disease? 7 Polio clinics have been held in Unity, and all in the age group from birth through nineteen years, in Thorndike have been invited. 64 children have been protected. Surely in your town, many more are unprotected. What are you going to do about this? It is an individual responsibility. The service is available, why not use it?

The same is true of the monthly Child Health Conferences held in Unity. All parents with infants and pre-school children in Thorndike are invited. Some families come; many do not. Medical supervision and protection against communicable disease is well worth the effort used in obtaining it. Come and bring your friends and neighbors.

Home visiting, special services, and group planning for Better Health has been the Program for 1956. If you, as citizens, have suggestions for 1957, we will be happy to discuss them with you and formulate plans to carry out the suggestions.

Respectfully submitted,
EUNICE S. NOLLET
Public Health Nurse

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK

Number of births reported	6
Number of deaths reported	5
Number of marriages reported	3
Number of fishing licenses sold	48
Number of hunting licenses sold	73
Number of combination licenses sold	15
Number of non-resident fishing licenses sold	2
Number of non-resident hunting licenses sold	4
Number of non-resident bird licenses sold	1
Number of dogs listed	70
Males registered	44
Females registered	10
Spayed females registered	13
Number of dogs killed	3
Fees for dogs	
Male	\$1.40
Female	5.40
Spayed female	1.40

Reminder: Dog tax is due on or before April 1st.

I attended two County Clerks meetings at Belfast this year; also attended the Annual Meeting of the Maine Municipal Association and Town Clerks Association at Portland.

Respectfully submitted,

WILMA JOHNSON

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Hereby I submit the annual report of the educational program:

Directory

School Committee	Term Expires
Mrs. Wilma Johnson	1957
Mr. Frederick A. Ward	1958
Mrs. Mary Wren	1959
Secretary, Union 79	Mrs. Helen Sanborn

Teachers

Roosevelt School, Mrs. Ruth Lowe	\$2,300.00
Washington School, Mr. Herbert Ryan	2,300.00
Washington School, Mrs. Hazel Huntley	2,300.00

Registration Jan. 15, 1957	Total
Grade S.P. 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 86	
Roosevelt 4 1 5 3 5 2 1 3 3 27	
Washington 8 5 4 6 7 8 9 10 2 59	

Thorndike Tuition Enrollment 1956-57

School attended	Grade	Brooks	Freedom	Higgins	Class
Annual Rate		300.00	309.23		272.08

David Hamlin 9

Ray Carson 10

William Wren 10

Barbara Hamlin 11

Patricia Hustus 12

Tuition half year, Brooks 750.00

Thomas Berry

Cedric Berry

Marilyn Cole

Kenneth Oaks

Patricia Parkhurst

Melvin Smith

Rayleene Bailey		
Shirley Lovejoy		
Melvin McCarrison		
Norman Moulton		
Minnie Raven		
Herbert Daken		
Carlene Abbott		
Tuition fall term, Freedom	1,924.16	
Sandra Cyr, fall term, Higgins		125.00

1956-1957 **Financial Statement 1956-57**

Credits		
Balance	1,823.98	
Appropriation	8,500.00	
Treas. State subsidy	9,968.00	
Donation	30.00	20,231.9

Expenditures		
Instruction	6,848.76	
Fuel	599.32	
Janitor and cleaning	191.00	
Conveyance	3,276.00	
Tuition	6,275.91	
Tuition withheld from subsidy	25.43	
Text books	421.19	
Supplies	378.01	
Water, Lights	119.76	
Supervision	611.46	
Medical Inspection	5.00	18,751.84

Unexpended balance		1,570.14
Repairs	1,200.00	
Expended	621.10	

Unexpended balance		578.90
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Thorndike Budget 1957-58

Instruction	8,283.75
Fuel	650.00
Janitor & Cleaning	225.00
Conveyance	3,600.00

Tuition	7,000.00	
Supplies	500.00	
Lights	150.00	
Supervision, school committee, supt. & office, attendance officer, medi- cal inspection	775.02	
Text books	500.00	21,683.77
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Credits		
Balance	1,570.44	
Subsidy	9,160.00	
Thorndike donation	30.00	10,760.44
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Necessary appropriation		10,923.33
Recommended appropriation		11,000.00
Repairs and equipment	548.86	
No appropriation needed		

Thorndike has a serious water problem in regard to its schools. Something must be done about this. You do not expect your children to go to school all day without drinking water available and you do not want them to drink water that has been condemned. There is also a school building problem to consider. The Washington School has about all that it can accomodate under the present conditions.

We shall soon be faced with a tremendous high school and tuition problem. At present we are paying tuition for 20 students. In a few years this will climb to 40-45 students, or about double the present cost. An area high school might help to solve the problem or a more favorable price might be obtained from one of the neighboring schools if the town contracted for all or a large part of its students to attend one school.

I wish to thank teachers and townspeople for helping to make this a good school year.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT W. JOHNSON

Superintendent of Schools

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Mava E. Maxim, Collector

1956 Commitment	\$21,182.22
Supplementary Tax	33.90
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	\$21,216.12
1956 Taxes Paid	\$19,204.42
1956 Supplementary Tax	33.90
1956 Abatements	21.00
1956 Unpaid Taxes	1,959.93
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	\$21,219.25
1956 Overpayment	3.13
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	\$21,216.12

Unpaid Taxes 1956

	Personal	Real	Total
I. L. Bryant		\$170.10	\$170.10
Alton Cooper*		*18.65	*18.65
Alton Cooper & Hazel Sparrow*		*42.00	*42.00
Arnold & Lena Dakin		59.40	59.40
Irving & Ina Moulton		54.60	54.60
Mrs. Patrick Murphy	\$13.44		13.44
William Oakes		14.70	14.70
Harold Parkhurst		304.10	304.10
Lawrence & Ora Sargent		142.80	142.80
Lewis Sparrow*		*4.04	*4.04
Lewis Sparrow & Alton Cooper*		*5.04	*5.04
Arnold Tweedie	8.82		8.82
Charles Tweedie		184.80	184.80
Lettie White		26.04	26.04
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	\$22.26	\$1,026.27	\$1,048.53

	Non-Residents		
Blue Ribbon Feeds	\$504.00	\$184.80	\$688.80
Kennebec Cooler Corp.	84.00	138.60	222.60
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	\$588.00	\$323.40	\$911.40
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	\$610.26	\$1,349.67	\$1,959.93

* Paid after books closed

MAVA E. MAXIM

Collector

Unpaid Taxes 1952

W. J. Dolloff	\$25.52
Edmund Hamlin	25.52
Clarence Penney	3.00
William Porter	14.96
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	\$69.00

Unpaid Taxes 1951

Edmund Hamlin	\$28.85
Clarence Penney	4.09
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	\$32.94

Unpaid Taxes 1950

Herman Cates	\$46.99
Clarence Penney	3.83
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	\$50.82

Unpaid Taxes 1949

Clarence Penney	\$3.78
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W. S. LIBBY

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash on hand Feb. 10, 1956	\$4,126.46
U. S. Treasurer. Int. on Minnie Philbrick Bond	27.60
U. S. Treasurer, Town Bond	2,025.00
U. S. Treasurer, Town Bond	1,012.50
U. S. Treasurer, Town Bond	1,000.00
U. S. Treasurer, L. E. Sargents 1954 Lien, int. and Cost	172.89
State Treasurer, Porcupine Bounty	84.50
State Treasurer, Snow Removal	2,064.40
State Treasurer, Hurricane	649.49
State Treasurer, Bank Stock Tax	192.41
State Treasurer, Educational Subsidies	9,942.57
State Treasurer, Town Road Improvement	2,575.04
State Treasurer, State Aid Road	2,091.79
State Treasurer, R. R. & Tel. Tax	268.31
Town of Manchester, Care of Morton Family Bertha Farwell, Cash for memorial tablet donated by citizens	441.34 42.50
Wm. & O. J. Farwell, Loan	3,000.00
O. J. Farwell, Loan	3,000.00
W. T. Vickery, Premium adjustment on Roosevelt Schoolhouse Insurance	3.60
Lauriston Hustus, Cash 1952-1953 & part of 1954 Liens	125.00
C. V. Larrabee, Cash 1954 lien, int. & cost	151.88
Chapman Larrabee, Cash, 1954 lien, int. & cost	24.64
Elmer Penney, Cash, 1953-1954-1955 liens, int. and cost	76.41
C. E. Grant, Cash on Arthur Butler's 1954 lien int. and cost	23.58
C. E. Grant, Cash on 1955 lien, int. and cost	22.97
Floyd Blaisdell, Cash, 1955 lien, int. & cost on J. Fickett place	18.38
Irving & Ina Moulton, Cash, 1955 lien, int. & cost	63.26

Beverly Parkhurst, Cash on acct. 1954 lien	40.00
Mabel Crockett, Cash, bal. due on Beverly Park- hurst 1954 lien, int. and cost	139.04
Kennebec Cooler Corp., Cash, Arnold Tweedie 1954 lien, int. and cost	114.30
Milton B. Hills, Cash, Clarence Penney 1954 lien, Int. and cost	11.01
Olney Bagley, Cash, 1955 liens, int. and cost	91.73
Clarence E. Merrifield, Cash, 1953 liens, int. & cost	166.38
Maurice Elkins, Cash, 1955 lien, int. & Cost	18.96
Richard Glass, Cash, funeral expenses of Jerome Fickett	200.00
Ansel Carson, Bought Aaron Daggett place	300.00
Ansel Carson, Bought Arthur Daggett Place	200.00
Donald Marcia, Bought U. A. Ward Place	460.00
Federal Trust Co., Cemetery Trust Funds with- drawn	43.73
Ruth Lowe, Withholding Tax	300.70
Dorothy A. Hall, Withholding Tax	189.70
Iris Lowe, Withholding Tax	26.90
Anna Hall, Withholding Tax	20.10
Hazel Huntley, Withholding Tax	48.30
Beulah Libby, Withholding Tax	1.25
Herbert E. Ryan, Withholding Tax	178.10
W. S. Libby, 1952 Tax	29.50
Janetta Higgins, Excise Tax	972.00
Janetta Higgins, 1954 Tax	.92
Janetta Higgins, 1954 Supplementary Tax	3.00
Janetta Higgins, 1955 Tax	1,162.75
Mava Maxim, Excise Tax	1,820.59
Mava Maxim, 1956 Tax	19,204.42
Mava Maxim, 1956 Supplementary	33.90
W. S. Libby, 1948 Abatement	12.24
W. S. Libby, 1952 Abatement	3.00
Janetta Higgins, 1954 Abatement	88.00
Janetta Higgins, 1955 Abatement	161.40
Mava Maxim, 1956 Abatement	21.00

\$59,289.44

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Cash Paid Out:—

Warrants Paid by Check \$55,702.12

Cash on Hand Feb. 11, 1957 \$3,587.32

Porcupine Account

Cash on Hand Feb. 10, 1956 \$15.00

Received from Town 75.00

\$90.00

Paid Bounty \$93.00

Due from State Feb. 11, 1957 \$93.00

GRACE E. LIBBY

Treasurer of Thorndike

Special Cemetery Funds

	Original Amt.	Amt. Feb. 1 1957	Withdrawn for Expend- itures	Present Amt.
Ellen E. Bumps	\$200.00	\$350.00	\$15.00	\$335.00
Asa Cole	100.00	174.44	5.00	169.44
Frances A. Harmon	50.00	51.31		51.31
John H. Coffin	50.00	80.44	2.00	78.44
Mark P. Palmer	50.00	79.72	2.00	77.72
James H. Rackliff	100.00	111.26	2.00	109.26
Henry E. Parsons	50.00	55.09		55.09
George P. and Flora Maxim Ward	200.00	223.54	2.00	221.54
John S. Foster	150.00	164.84	2.00	162.84
Florence Rose	200.00	230.21		230.21
Ben & Olive Ames	100.00	142.34	2.00	140.34
Minnie E. Philbrick Bond	\$1,000.00			
Int. on above Bond		240.98	9.73	231.25
Edna R. Smith Estate	200.00	222.20		222.20
J. D. Higgins	200.00	225.57	2.00	223.57
Rebecca Lewis Fund	400.00	1,044.09		1,044.09

Withdrawn for Expenditures \$43.73

AUDITOR'S REPORT

L. EVERETT OUTHOUSE
Public Accountant and Auditor
Portland 3, Maine

May 17, 1956

Board of Selectman
Town of Thorndike
Thorndike, Maine

Gentlemen:

In accordance with your request, we have audited the records of the Town of Thorndike, for the municipal year ended February 10, 1956.

The examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and included all procedures which we considered necessary. Insofar as could be determined within the scope of the examination, the financial affairs of the town appear to have been administered in a proper manner.

The results of the audit are disclosed in the exhibits and schedules embodied in this report, and fairly present the financial position of the Town of Thorndike, and the results of its operations for the municipal year ended February 10, 1956.

Respectfully submitted,

L. EVERETT OUTHOUSE

SCHEDULE 6

CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS: Amount

Time Deposits - Federal Trust Co., Unity

Principal \$1,650.00

Interest 622.98

Total Time Deposits 2,272.98

United States Savings Bond - Series "K"

No.M317221K dated 12|6|54 1,000.00

Total Cemetery Funds 3,272.98

CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

United States Savings Bond, "F"

No. D466405F 7|1|56 437.00

United States Savings Bond, "F"

No. D466406F 7|1|56 437.00

Total Capital Reserve Fund 874.00

RESERVE FOR SCHOOL BUILDING FUND:

1954 Town Appropriation 1,000.00

1955 Town Appropriation 1,000.00

Total \$2,000.00

Invested:

Federal Trust Co., Unity Savings

Account No. 3076

Deposited January 25, 1956 2,000.00

Total Trust and Reserve Funds \$6,146.98

Schedule 7

General Fund Investments

February 10, 1956

Description Amount

United States Savings Bond No.

M13112773G 3|1|55 \$1,000.00

United States Savings Bond No.	
M2992321G 7/1/56	1,000.00
United States Savings Bond No.	
M299232G 7/1/56	1,000.00
Total General Fund Investments	<u>\$3,000.00</u>

EXHIBIT "B"

Comparative Balance Sheets

	Years Ended	
	February 10, 1956	February 14, 1955
ASSETS		
Cash	\$4,126.46	\$1,333.91
Accounts Receivable	653.10	4,077.55
Taxes Receivable	\$2,366.75	\$4,103.87
Less Reserve for Losses	148.30 2,218.45	148.30 3,955.57
Tax Liens	1,090.46	602.67
Tax Acquired Property	1,523.47	1,509.89
General Fund Investments	3,000.00	3,000.00
Capital Reserve Fund	874.00	874.00
School Building Fund	2,000.00	0.00
Total Assets	15,485.94	15,353.59
Trust Funds Invested	3,272.98	3,204.10
Total Assets and Trust Funds		
Invested	\$18,758.92	\$18,557.69
LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable		
Tax Collector - Overpayment	\$ 0.00	\$ 1.08
Withholding Tax	111.40	83.40
Notes Payable	4,000.00	6,000.00
Total Liabilities	4,111.40	6,084.48
SURPLUS		
Appropriated	5,491.86	5,796.45
Unappropriated	3,008.68 8,500.54	2,598.66 8,395.11
Total Liabilities and Surplus	12,611.94	14,479.59
Trust and Reserve Funds Principal	6,146.98	4,078.10

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Total Liabilities, Surplus and	
Trust & Reserve Funds Principal \$18,758.92	\$18,557.69

EXHIBIT "C"

Analysis of Changes in Surplus

Year Ended February 10, 1956

Balance February 14, 1955	\$2,598.66
CREDITS:	
Over Collection of 1955 Taxes	.39
Over Collection of 1950 Taxes	.10
1953 Supplemental Tax	3.00
Current Year's Appropriation Unexpended	406.53
Balance February 10, 1956	\$3,008.68

A complete report of Audit is on file with the selectmen and may be examined at any time.

Constable

Budget Committee

Tax Collector

- Art. 5. To see if the Town will vote (a) to enter into a street lighting contract with Central Maine Power Company for a term of not less than ten (10) years covering the Town's existing street lighting system and such additional installations as may be installed in accordance with the provisions of the contract; the Town to pay Central Maine Power Company for the street lighting service furnished and delivered to it under the provisions of the contract the sums prescribed by the Company's applicable rate schedule, which in no event shall be less than 90 % of the maximum amount of the Company's monthly billing to the Town for the street lighting service contracted for under the Company's applicable rate schedule during any previous twelve months' period expiring on the anniversary date of the contract, and (b) to authorize the Selectmen to execute and deliver to Central Maine Power Company said street lighting contract.
- Art. 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$210.00 necessary to cover the street lighting service furnished under such contract.
- Art. 7. To raise the sum of \$30.00 for the Thorndike Donation.
- Art. 8. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for town roads and bridges.
- Art. 9. To see what sum the town will raise and appropriate for State Aid road construction (in

addition to the amounts regularly raised for the care of ways, highways and bridges) under the provisions of Sections 44, 49 and 50, Chapter 23, R. S., 1954, as amended.

- Art. 10. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for winter roads.
- Art. 11. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for repair and maintenance of Farm to Market Roads.
- Art. 12. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to pay wages for all highway work in conformity with the established State Highway Commission scale.
- ✓ Art. 13. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the support of elementary and secondary schools.
- Art. 14. To see if the town will vote to carry the unexpended balance of the school repair and equipment account.
- Art. 15. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for school repairs.
- Art. 16. To see if the town will vote to borrow enough money from the Maine School Building Fund to go with the money on hand to build an elementary school building suitable to the needs of the town, such money to be borrowed over a period of twenty-five years.
- Art. 17. To see if the town will elect a committee of four to serve with the school board, such committee to see about the loan and all matters pertaining to the location and size of the building to be built.
- Art. 18. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and set aside for the school building fund.

- Art. 19. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to buy bonds with all money earmarked for school building.
- Art. 20. To see if the town will vote to carry the balance left in the Fire Department Account.
- Art. 21. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the Fire Department.
- Art. 22. To transact any other business pertaining to the Fire Department that may legally come before said meeting.
- Art. 23. To see what action the town will take in regard to selling the town-owned snow plowing equipment.
- Art. 24. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for Aid to Dependent Children.
- Art. 25. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for support of the poor.
- Art. 26. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$50.00 for public health nursing in Thorndike, said sum to be expended by Maine Dept. of Health and Welfare, Bureau of Health, for local service.
- Art. 27. To see what action the town will take in regard to a Town Dump, and raise any money necessary to support same.
- Art. 28. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for care of cemeteries.
- Art. 29. To see whether or not the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty five dollars (\$25.00) to be paid to the State of Maine Publicity Bureau to be expended and

used for advertising the natural resources, advantages and attractions of the State of Maine, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 91, Section 108, of the Revised Statutes of 1944.

- Art. 30. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for town charges.
- Art. 31. To see what compensation the town will vote to pay their selectmen and treasurer.
- Art. 32. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for Town Officers.
- Art. 33. To see if the town will vote to authorize the municipal officers to print in the annual report the names of those persons receiving pauper assistance.
- Art. 34. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to procure temporary loans in anticipation of taxes for the purpose of paying indebtedness of the town, such notes to be paid during the current year.
- Art. 35. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen on behalf of the town to dispose of any real estate acquired by the town for non-payment of taxes thereon, on such terms as they deem advisable and to execute quit-claim deeds for such property.
- Art. 36. To see what method the town will take relative to collecting taxes, also excise tax.
- Art. 37. To see if the town will vote that all poll and personal taxes be paid by January 1st, and that interest be charged on such taxes unpaid after that date; and to fix a rate of interest.
- Art. 38. To see if the town will vote to continue its membership in the Maine Municipal Association.

- Art. 39. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for cutting bushes along the unimproved roads in town.
- Art. 40. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for snow fence.
- Art. 41. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for Tar.
- Art. 42. To see if the town will vote to discontinue the short section of road past Irving Moulton's.
- Art. 43. To see if the town will vote to hold one-half of all warrants to be credited on holder's tax until such tax is paid in full, or act thereon.
- Art. 44. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

The selectmen hereby give notice that they will be in session at the above named place of meeting on Monday, the day of said meeting, for the purpose or correcting the list of voters, from 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon until the polls are closed.

Given under our hands at Thorndike, Maine this 20th day of February, 1957.

NORA WORTMAN

FREDERIC WARD

MAURICE HIGGINS

Selectmen of Thorndike

Attest:

ERNEST BRAGDON

Constable

